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## Province restores funding for EMS

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The province applied a balm to hurting municipalities by announcing its intention to restore funding to ambulance services on an equal basis.

Its decision at least partially alleviates the pressure on Haliburton County, whose recent budget was black and blue from the cumulative effects of provincial downloading over the past 10 years.

Premier Dalton McGuinty called the move an "issue of fairness" and committed an additional \$300 million in provincial funding to be phased in over the next three years.

"It definitely will help but it won't have a dramatic effect on the budget," say County Warden Murray Fearrey, referring to the recent budget shortfall of \$2.6 million.

Fearrey estimates that the first round of funding will probably translate to only \$60,000 to \$70,000 for the county.

When ambulance services were downloaded by the Harris government in 2000, the province pledged to still split the cost with municipalities on a 50:50 basis. But after arbitrated settlements with medical unions, which increased salaries and benefits, it wasn't long before municipalities were paying more than their fair share — another form of downloading in the eyes of municipalities, albeit of a stealthier kind.

Haliburton County currently pays 62 per cent of the cost of ambulance services, which Treasurer Laura Janke says costs ratepayers an extra

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## Officer fine after head-on collision

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A Haliburton Highlands OPP officer sustained only minor injuries when he was involved

in a car accident late Thursday afternoon.

Just after 5 p.m., Sgt. Andrew Barclay was responding to a 911 call when the accident happened. He was driving a marked cruiser eastbound on

Hwy 118 when the driver of an oncoming vehicle crossed over the centre line near County Road 7. The two vehicles collided head on.

The other driver was not injured but Barclay was trans-

ported to the Minden Hospital where he was treated and released.

Barclay will be back to work with his next shift.

The accident is still under investigation.



Sgt. Andrew Barclay was responding to a 911 call last Thursday night when his cruiser was struck by a vehicle on Hwy. 118 and

County Road 7. He was taken to Minden Hospital with minor injuries and was released later that night.

## Who will save housing in the county?

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The average resident of Haliburton County makes about \$22,000 a year, a piddling sum to be equipped with when embarking on finding a place to live.

Forced to choose between groceries and rent, cast adrift on non-profit housing waiting lists that run up to seven years long, and frustrated by the virtual absence of affordable family housing options, many are wondering who, if anyone, will come to the rescue.

The federal government was significantly involved in housing between 1973 and 1992. But

since then there have only been disjointed attempts at trying to solve the affordable housing shortage. The most recent program in this province is the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program, an agreement signed last spring that promised to create 15,000 new housing units. But critics say it's a one-shot deal and provides no sustainability for the future.

"It's only bricks and mortar," says Barbara Fawcett, administrator of the Haliburton County Non-Profit Housing Corporation. "There is nothing about subsidizing those units. Nothing about helping people who are going to live in them. They are just going to help them get

built."

The County of Haliburton puts \$768,000 in annual subsidies toward its three existing non-profit housing ventures in Minden, Haliburton, and Wilberforce. But with its budget being massacred by provincial downloading, the solution to the housing crisis is not likely to come from local officials.

So if various levels of government are either unwilling or unable, where should we be turning our attention?

There are admirable examples of resourcefulness occurring in neighbouring counties that Haliburton could conceivably import, but not without a res-

olute and enduring commitment from community members.

The Peterborough Community Housing Development Corporation, created in 1998, is an inspired organization that revamps old buildings and rents them out to low-income families or seniors. Recipients have also included adult offenders and those with developmental challenges.

Homes can come from anywhere; some are doomed for demolition while others are donated by the municipality or by private sources. (When municipal property is involved, the land is transferred in a trust, which means ultimate owner-

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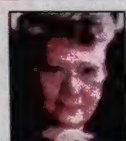
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## County welcomes extra ambulance funding

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\$300,000 per year.

Downloading has been a source of strain for Haliburton County, whose recent budget was 25 per cent bigger than last year's and will have to be covered through tax increases and bank loans. Premier McGuinty has indicated he wants to address the fiscal imbalance with municipalities and is using the ambulance funding as the first step toward the goal.

Fearrey, who recently returned from a conference with the Association of Ontario Municipalities, believes ministers are starting to understand that property taxes are not enough to cover the array of required municipal services.

"I think it's a sign they are listening to the pressure," says Fearrey. "They are headed in the right direction at least. There's movement there and that's positive."

Some believe the province should take back the entire responsibility for ambulances because it is a healthcare item. But since municipalities lost that argument long ago, those like Fearrey are not banking on anything more than the original downloading agreement.

"The horse is out of the barn, so how do you get him back in? The likelihood of it ever getting back to anything other than 50:50 is very improbable in my view."

### Nothing to it!!

Thanks to all my great friends and wonderful family, turning 60 was the best day of my life. Chocolate, tickets, my girls and their partners, wee Michael and the best husband in the world who could ask for more!!

Thank you Kathy for organizing and pulling off such a fun party. Julie and Rhonda, I can't believe you made it home for my "Big" day. Thank you Daniel & Steve for getting my girls here safely. It was a short time but a sweet time, one I'll never forget. Max you pulled the wool over my eyes again. You're getting good at this!!

Thanks to Marcel and Nat for coming in and putting it all together while we were out. The cake was beautiful BUT the chocolate fountain you and the Agnew Clan donated was the best and so much fun.

Thanks again to all my friends and family who came, phoned and sent cards. It's wonderful to be loved and I love you all right back!!

Roberta Walsh  
"A proud 60 year old"

## Province giveth and taketh away

### Bill 206 to cause headache for municipality

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The McGuinty government, just days after giving county budgets a break by restoring their fair share of ambulance funding, may have mitigated the goodwill gesture by dumping Bill 206 square in the laps of municipalities.

"We are reluctant to take any more downloads, and this is another download," says Murray Fearrey, Reeve of Dysart et al.

Bill 206, which passed last week after much controversy, gives firefighters and police the ability to retire earlier with benefits. Fearful municipalities say the resulting enhanced pension plan – the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) – will end up costing them dearly, as they are responsible for matching employee contributions.

The real cost to municipalities in Haliburton County will surround police pension payments, although it is too early to tell how the numbers will unfold. County firefighters are volunteers and therefore the pension plan changes will have no impact on local municipal interests.

An even bigger concern, says Fearrey, is that during arbitrated settlements the same enhanced benefits will one day be extended to other municipal union sectors.

"We're not naïve enough to think that down the



Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey is worried that costs of the province's new pension bill will be passed on to taxpayers.

road it's not going to spill over to other sectors," says Fearrey.

Fearrey may not be far off. The changes to OMERS infuriated the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), who threatened illegal strike action, saying it was unfair to other civil servants. The strike was averted when a concession was reached late Wednesday night when the province promised CUPE that it would initiate an independent review of Bill 206 by 2012.

A strike would have caused serious disruptions to the province; schools would have been closed and garbage collection halted. In Haliburton County, where the greatest CUPE presence lies in roads departments and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the consequences would have been minimal. In the event of an illegal strike, county and municipal roads departments had previously decided to protest after work hours instead of walking off the job. Trillium Lakelands, which would have been without custodial and support staff, announced its schools and childcare centres would have remained opened.

Fearrey says 25 cents of every tax dollar goes to the province of Ontario, whereas in other provinces the figure is about two cents. With the number of services municipalities have become responsible for over the last 10 years – especially with the downloading of roads and ambulance services – Fearrey says something better change soon.

"If it doesn't get corrected, there's going to be some sort of tax revolt," Fearrey sighed.

Fearrey has just returned from a conference with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario where he said provincial ministers seemed to be getting the message that the status quo was unacceptable.

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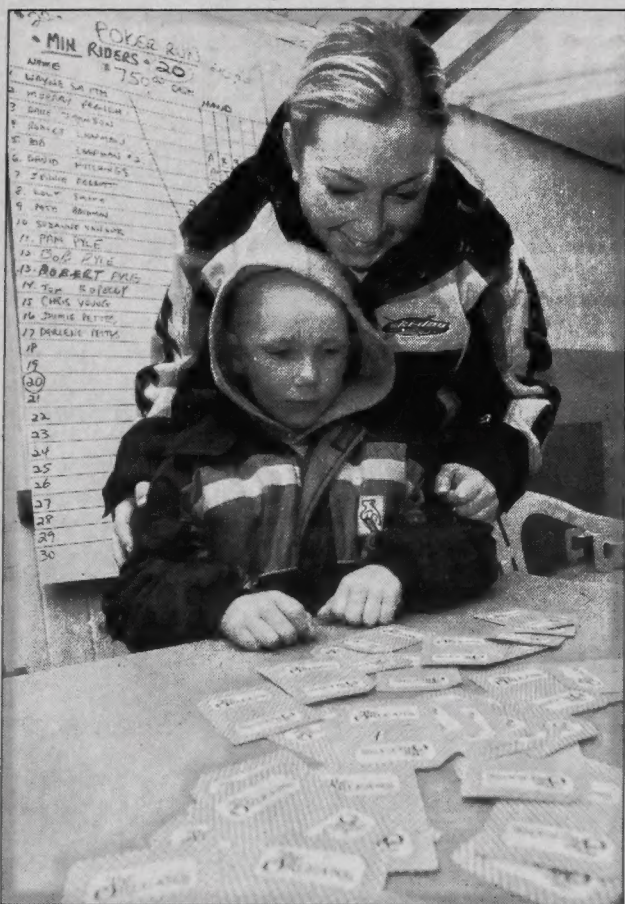
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Jenny Perrott and Dawson Hamilton look for winning cards during the Poker Run, which was won by Haliburton's Wayne Smith.



Four-year-old Seamus Jarrett-Lynch takes a look at his sun catcher held by his mother Erin Lynch at the Rails End Gallery's children's workshop.



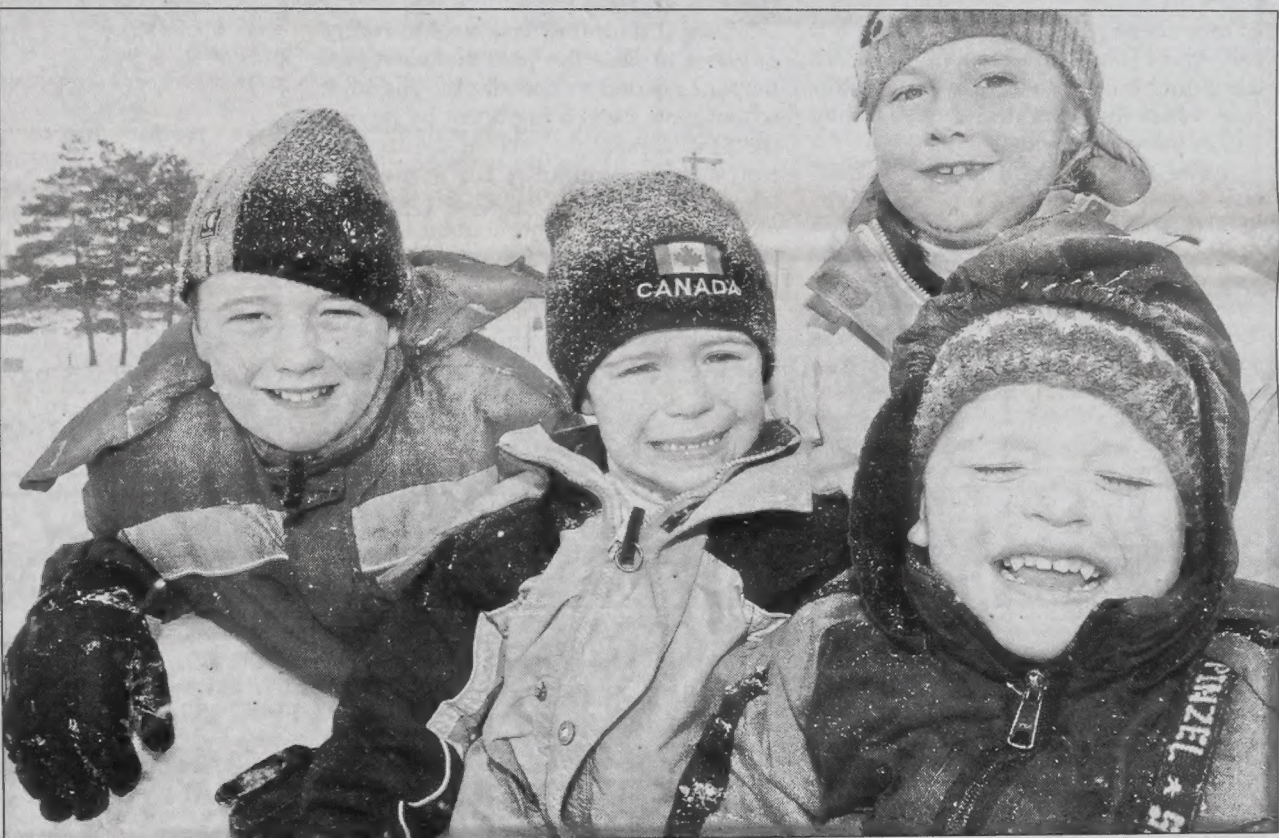
A bonfire warmed everyone up on Friday night. Hot dogs and hot chocolate helped, too.

## Shakin' off the winter blues

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce re-launched the annual winter carnival in Haliburton on the weekend. A shortage of volunteers cancelled some of the Saturday events, and the snow made it impossible for the Re/Max balloon to take people for rides above Head Lake Park, but other organizations came through to give people a way to forget that winter appears here for the long haul. Photos by Darren Lum.



The Haliburton United Church's Teen Mission Louisiana group were busy serving up chili, warming up Winter Festival goers. For details on the mission trip, see page 4.



Young friends find fun in the snow: (from left) Dylan Smith, Jakob Hooyeenga, Makenna Smith and Corey Hooyeenga.



Local artist Terry Craig speaks about the current show, Fire and Ice, exhibited at the Rails End Gallery. Unfortunately, the ice sculpture in front of the gallery could not be made.



# Teens help hurricane victims rebuild their lives

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Teenagers have enough energy and enthusiasm to change the world but since they never have enough money to match their dreams, they often feel helpless.

Six teenagers from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are about to make a difference in the lives of people who were hit with the double whammy of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

While many of their friends chill out during the March Break, they're going to be helping the people of Houma, Louisiana rebuild their lives.

Courtney Griffin, Ryan Robinson, Billie-Rose Clarkson, Luke Stevens, Mike Flowers and Steph Roberts are volunteers with Global Youth Network (formerly Youth With a Mission.) On March 10 they'll be boarding a bus in Kitchener that will take them to a hurricane-ravaged aboriginal community close to the gulf coast.

Once there, they'll be working on a variety of jobs from clearing trees to rebuilding buildings to providing child-care. What the community needs, they will be there to provide.

"We're going to be busting our backs," says Steph who, like the others, is excited by the prospect.

When Courtney was watching television coverage of the disaster, she felt badly for the people whose lives were destroyed but she didn't think there was anything she could do to help. Now that she knows she can, it makes her feel good.

"We take everything for granted," says Billie-Rose. "Knowing they have nothing gives us more reason to help."

Luke, who's been on a mission to Ecuador, says, "It's better to help people on a trip rather than just bum out."

"It's more than going to help people," says Mike Flowers, one of the group's organizers. The trip is also a statement of their faith and their belief that we should help one another. "God's will is to help those in need," he says. "That's what makes it a mission."

Ryan was the first to hear of the opportunity. A few years ago he had gone on a youth mission to Venezuela. "It was just an amazing experience," he says. When Rev. Harry Morgan mentioned the mission trip to Louisiana at a service at Ingoldsby United Church, Ryan leapt at the chance. He started talking to friends and soon there was representation from Lakeside Baptist Church, St. Anthony's in Haliburton and its sister church, St. Ignatius in Maynooth. (Megan Fitzgerald of Maynooth will be joining the Haliburton group.)

The next daunting task was to figure out how to raise the \$800 that each participant needed to contribute. The high school gave them a big boost by paying the \$150 deposit for each of the six participants in exchange for some free labour. The students have been performing cafeteria duties and helping to shovel snow as a way of paying the school back (in deeds, not cash.)

They held several fundraisers and approached various churches and service groups for help. They were hoping that Saturday's chili luncheon at the Haliburton United Church would push



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

The March Break won't be a holiday for these teens. They're going to Louisiana to help people rebuild their lives. Clockwise from top left: Mike Flowers, Billie-Rose Clarkson, Ryan Robinson, Steph Roberts, Courtney Griffin and Luke Stevens.

them over the top of their fundraising goal.

Donations are always welcome. You can send cheques payable to Global Youth Network to P.O. Box 26100, Kitchener, Ont., N2H 6M0. Please put the

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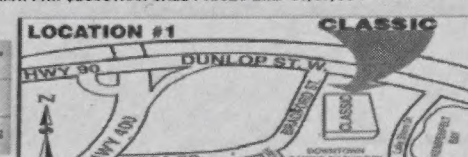
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# Centre to get better sound system

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of the February 14 Highlands East council meeting.

Paul Hazen, a member of the Loop Troop theatre company, came before council to address the sub-par state of the sound system at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Hazen attended a Christmas event at the centre and reports that many in the audience could not hear or understand the performance because of the bad sound quality. "There is really a necessity of fixing what is there," said Hazen, who has a background in electronics.

While the centre has an inherently poor acoustic design, Hazen insisted that a \$1,000 contribution from the township toward microphones, speakers, and wiring would go a long way. He also asked permission to tinker with the existing equipment to make improvements.

Council granted his wishes, along with a resolution promising council will act as a liaison for a committee Hazen will form to oversee sound system issues. Councillor Rick Forget volunteered to act as the council contact person.

## GST

Council was in no mood to grant a GST break to resident Joe Legge, who bought \$140,000 worth of land from the municipality on Paudash Lake.

The property was declared surplus by the municipality last year and sold by public tender. Legge's contention was that he was unaware he would have to pay GST on the sale, which ultimately brought the price to nearly \$150,000. "It's unreasonable," said Legge. "It's personal property, it's not business property. It just changes the value of the property so much it's ridiculous." The municipal advertisements did mention in fine print that the purchaser was responsible for all costs incurred in the sale, which is why council stuck to its guns and denied Legge's request.



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Highlands East Fire Department members practise after completing an emergency first responder course in Wilberforce. Twelve new graduates completed the course, bringing the total to more than 40 in the four wards. The 40-hour course was completed over two weekends, with each member receiving advanced first aid training. This continues to be a big part of the service that the department provides to the residents of Highlands East and Harcourt. The skilled volunteers and equipment help to stabilize a patient until ambulance services can arrive. In 2005, 60 per cent of the emergency calls were medical assists.

"The GST is not our money," said CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

Council did allude to the fact that in the future they may have to make the GST requirement clearer.

## Destination Guide

Council approved \$1,780 plus GST to take out a full-page advertisement in the 2006 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide, a tourism publication soon to be put out by the county.

Andrea Hillo, who is being contracted by the county to put the publication together, made a brief pitch and convinced council that it is important to

make Highlands East attractions better known. Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands have already agreed to put in their own advertisements, and Hillo said she is still awaiting the response of Dysart et al.

About 50,000 copies of the guide will be distributed to trade shows around the province. The ad will illustrate several main attractions in Highlands East that are yet to be determined.

In past years, when the Chamber of Commerce published the destination guide, Highlands East councils traditionally showed little interest in the venture.

## Hockey teams take playoffs by storm

There was good news and bad news this past weekend for the Highland Storm.

The Novices won the Red Lobster Cup, becoming the champions of the eastern division by beating the team from Campbellford.

But the PeeWees lost on their attempt to advance to the next level of the playoffs.

Local fans still have a lot of hockey to cheer about, however. The Atom A, Atom AE and Midget AE teams are all in the semi-finals of the OMHA provincial championship. This could be a banner year for the Highland Storm.

More details of the playoff games in next week's Echo.

## Volunteers offer free income tax clinics

The income tax season is again upon us and volunteers are again ready to assist you.

Every Monday beginning March 6, Tiia Billings will be available at the Minden Legion from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the Kinmount Legion from 1 to 3 p.m.

Every Tuesday beginning on March 7 she will be in Haliburton behind the firehall in the old ambulance building from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Every Tuesday beginning March 7, Marlene Watson, (705) 448-2266, will be available at the Wilberforce Legion from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

You can also drop off your returns at the Minden Ontario Information Office on Hwy. 35 any day during business hours. Keep in mind that your returns will be picked up and brought back on Mondays at 9:45 a.m. at this location.

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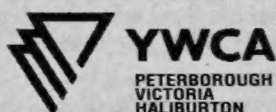
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## Where to live?

**I**N THE PAST DECADE, many young Highlanders have delayed going to university or entering the "real" workforce by working at one of the big ski hills in the Rockies. The wages aren't great but the snowboarding passes that come with the jobs more than make up for it. They write home with tales of six to eight of them having to share a two-bedroom apartment. 1) It's the only way they can afford the high rents

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### editorial

martha perkins

on such low salaries and 2) it's not like there's much room in the Rockies to build apartment buildings for the thousands of people who work there.

We're far from seeing that type of problem hit

the Highlands but as Lance Crossley's two features on the housing crisis facing many local residents illustrate, people's inability to find affordable accommodation is reaching the point where it will begin to affect their ability to work and live here, especially if they have one of the many low-paying jobs that are available. And this economy could not survive without people willing to take those low-paying jobs.

The issue took on tragic proportions recently when a local resident committed suicide, in part, it's said, because of how difficult it was to find someplace to live. Combined with all the other challenges of a Highlands winter, never the most optimistic of times, this lack of affordable housing took away all hope of a better day.

The *Echo* is getting first-hand knowledge of this dilemma as we try to find accommodation for a new photographer. Darren Lum, who in his five years with us has contributed so much to our pages, is moving to Bracebridge to join Muskoka Magazines, both Osprey publications. As soon as Darren announced his decision, one of our young sales staff asked for, and got, his apartment. By the time we had an idea of who Darren's replacement would be, the salesman's apartment had already been snatched up.

It's not usually an employer's responsibility to find housing but in nearly every interview with prospective reporters, the question is asked: "How easy – and expensive – is it to find some place to live?" With so many young people graduating from post-secondary school with a high level of student debt, it's not an insignificant concern. One woman applying for the summer reporter's job had to cancel her interview because she had just discovered her parents were selling their Cranberry Lake cottage. She had counted on being able to live there as a way of saving enough money for her next year of school. As a business, it's in our best interests to see that we ease the burden of finding a place to live.

Several years ago, when the provincial government pulled out of funding accommodation, the argument was that local entrepreneurs would fill the gap. Knowing that there was a housing shortage, they'd build the housing because they knew they'd make money. Government help wouldn't be needed.

There's a problem with that reasoning in a tourist area like Haliburton County. Real estate prices are high and property taxes are no longer a bargain; that hikes up the market value of rent. That market value is more than many workers, especially young ones starting out, can afford. Add in the high cost of utilities to get you through a long winter and the need to have a car, and we're putting a real squeeze on our workforce.

Governments need to be players again. Haliburton County needs help to ensure that its workers (and its seniors) can afford to be here.



Twelve Mile Lake solitude

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

## No two muddlers look alike

**R**ECENTLY, and much to my delight, my son has taken up tying flies with me. Not only does this venerable pastime link generations, but it also brings people closer together. In fact, until the rise of the Internet, most people knew of few other amusements that made such creative uses of feathers and fur.

The best part of tying flies alongside Ryan is watching his fresh young eyes light up as they appraise the old standards in my fly tying books. Despite the fact that he's holding the book right side up, he reminds me very much of myself at that age.

Thus far, we've tied woolly worms, woolly buggers, black-nosed daces, black ghosts, Mickey Finns, and a variety of Doc Spratleys. And yesterday we took on the celebrated muddler minnow – which is one of the go-to flies in any angler's box. As if you didn't know that already.

Up until the muddlers though, our flies were fairly uniform and even approached the perfection of those pictured in the pattern books. But the muddler taught Ryan the one lesson every fly angler should know. Namely, that fly tying is an art and that, when it comes to muddler minnows, with their tiny spun and clipped deer hair heads, most of us are abstract artists.

"Dad," he said while examining the fourth one we cranked out, "how come our muddlers don't look like those in the book?"

It was not an easy question to answer. It was like explaining why his mother was not like Angelina Jolie or why the fish we caught were not like those on the covers of sporting magazines.

"Son," I began as I pointed to the nearest glossy photo, "The problem is that those

are not representative of reality. They are perfect only because they have been created by gifted professionals."

"What has Angelina Jolie's chest got to do with fly tying?" he asked.

"I was getting to that," I answered, after putting down the magazine.

It took a while but before long, Ryan understood that each hand-tied fly represented something from a by-gone era, a bit of magic that's rare these days. Each was a small work of art though admittedly mine were more like that classic print of the dogs playing poker than the Mona Lisa.

"The truth is," I concluded, "store-bought muddler minnows with their neatly clipped deer hair heads don't fish nearly as well as the ones that guys like you and I tie."

"Just like Angelina Jolie wouldn't shovel the driveway nearly as well as Mom does, right?"

We both looked outside and smiled.

I think it was a good lesson for him to learn, too. After all, in this day of factory-produced perfection, I believe the idiosyncrasies of handcrafted goods, no matter how small or insignificant, should be appreciated. And this spring, when we catch fish with these flies we've tied, I'm sure they will be, too.

After that, we continued tying flies and clipping the deer hair, with a new and fuller appreciation that each fly of the dozen we tied was a one-of-a-kind creation.

Just then Carol stepped in the house and examined our handiwork.

"Nice, but how come none of these flies are the same?" she asked.

"No two muddlers look alike," Ryan announced proudly.

"I guess," she answered, "but you do

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## The storm

**L**EN HAD BEEN TWISTING from one side of his bed to the other for over an hour, trying to fall asleep. It wasn't coffee that kept him away this night. It was the storm that raged outside his house, howling like a banshee. The tree tops bent and swayed together, like heads whispering conspiratorially at a wake. The old maple guarding Len's window groaned as though in agony, its massive limbs creaking ominously under the combined weight of a heavy snowfall followed by freezing rain.



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down  
our  
road

But worst of all was the unrelenting wind that seemed to want to pick up the house and carry it to the other side of the county. Len could hear the windows rattle, feel the building vibrate as blow upon blow came swooping down.

The storm had come out of nowhere, without forecast. Starting as a skiffle of snow, it had grown to plump heavy

flakes filling the air like a popcorn machine gone crazy. Soon Len couldn't even see across the road. Then the wind began and in no time the snow was coming at the world angled, aggressively, a mean-spirited onslaught.

Gradually it had then changed to freezing rain and he could almost feel the sting of the pellets scratching at his window. In no time, everything was encased in a coating of ice. Like a sarcophagus, the world lay stiff, cold and lifeless.

After checking that his oil lamps were full, Len had filled his bathtub before laying his flashlight on the night table. He knew there was a good chance the hydro might go out, so he was prepared. He had gone to bed planning to sleep through whatever else might be in store. But sleep had not come.

Finally he decided to get up and try reading by the fire for a while. Although he had a good bed of coals, the fire was surprisingly weak, the wood hissing at him. Len couldn't understand how the dry wood he had carried in from the shed that morning was now green. He watched as the feeble flames sputtered. Was it his imagination or was cold air creeping into his living room? Len decided to turn up the furnace.

The furnace wouldn't come on. He pushed the thermostat all the way to the right but nothing happened. While he thought about checking to see if the pilot light had gone out, the house was plunged into darkness. Len had to feel his way back to where he had left the flashlight, stubbing his toe painfully on a misplaced table leg. As he lurched forward, it felt as though he might have broken something.

Len couldn't believe his bad luck. Despite the storm, he was wondering if maybe he shouldn't try to get out to the shed for some decent wood. With no furnace, he needed the stove working at full capacity. As the temperature inside the house seemed to be dropping by the minute, Len limped into the hallway and began pulling on his jacket. His toe throbbed painfully as he tugged the boot over top.

It was not the best night to be outside. As he opened the porch door, it was ripped from his hands by the wind before he could stop it, and the glass shattered like a scream when it hit the side of his house. Damn, thought Len. Can nothing go right on this night? Bent almost double against the storm, he doggedly made his way toward the shed, which was located on the other side of the house. He decided at that moment he was going to relocate it closer to the porch before next winter.

Walking was tricky because of the layer of ice and Len found it thicker than he expected as he stomped his feet down to break through the crust. It was slow going and he still wasn't even carrying wood. All around him the wind keened, pulling at his jacket and pushing against his chest as though trying to beat him into surrender.

Then the tip of his boot, the one with the sore toe, caught on something under the snow, he lost his balance and fell, his leg twisting crazily at the knee. A sheet of white pain tore through his leg as he went down. The jagged edges of broken ice and snow cut his face and he quickly tasted the sweetness of blood. Len lay there, dreading the thought of moving but knowing he couldn't stay where he was. By now, he had no doubt that if he didn't get back into the house, the storm would kill him.

It was at this moment Len's body jerked him awake, his covers damp from the sweat of his nightmare. A second passed before he realized he was indeed in his bed, his dog at the foot of the bed, looking at him quizzically. Like the sun rising at dawn, relief spread through a grateful Len. With a half-smile, he turned to see what time it was. It was then he realized the hydro was out, his electric clock blankly returning his gaze. Outside the silent house, Len could hear the wind circling the house.



pic of the past

**I**n the 1930s and 40s, Grace MacDonald was a well known face in the Haliburton community. She is the daughter of Isaac and Lenora Roberts and grew up in Harburn, one of the many Robertses who settled there. She attended Victoria Street School the year it opened and returned for its 75th reunion. Grace spent many years cooking in logging camps and at local restaurants. For many years, she worked at Bernstein's General Store. After leaving the village, she moved to Ajax and worked, until her retirement, at Chrysler. A very young 65 years, she carried on her tradition of outstanding cooking by managing the cafeteria of a factory - just for fun! She finally retired a second time, at 75 years young. Today, she is 89 years old, living independently in a seniors' apartment in Ajax. Photo from the archives of Carm Lee.

## letters to the editor

### Evil in the eye of the beholder

To the Editor:

In the 'points of view' section of last week's Echo, Martha Perkins presented two poignant examples of the power of the human mind. In the first case, beauty was in the mind of the beholder. In the second, evil, pornography and obscenity were in the mind of the beholder.

In his inimitable style, Steve Galea illustrated that one did not have to have the face, the body and physique of Adonis in order to be attractive or good looking. If this was not the case, then there would be very few romances or marriages and newborns would not be showered with affectionate praise like 'what a beautiful baby'.

In his predictable style, David Switzer showed that even beautiful subjects can be considered to be disgusting to those with prejudiced views. If nudity was evil, then why were Adam and Eve not ashamed of their nudity until after their Original Sin.

To a young child, nakedness is neither good nor evil. It is just a free state of being undressed. It is we who teach our children what is to be considered good or evil, beautiful or disgusting. We can choose to look for beauty in the world and be truly amazed at what we see, or we can look for obscenity and be disgusted at what we see. The choice is ours and it is all in our mind's eye. Thankfully, artists and their honourable patrons have given us magnificent treasures that the world can enjoy, like Michelangelo's statue of David and his original art in the Sistine Chapel or the nudes of Ingres, Manet and Renoir. I hope that their quest for beauty and our ability to see it never change.

Dennis Choptiany  
Koshlong Lake

We have lots of letters on this subject on pages 8, 10 and 12

## Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





# There is evil in the world, but it's not in nude art

To the Editor:

David Switzer's letter to the editor so took me aback this week that I have been contemplating the word "evil" now for many days. The drive back and forth from Haliburton, where I work occasionally and Tory Hill, where I live with my husband and daughter, has been exhausting. Evil takes many forms and until Tuesday I was feeling that the evilness in our lives was the lack of concern for the safety of my family on the road. The drivers on these roads, locals and tourists, are disrespectful and unlawful. They pass me on solid lines, tailgating and honking at me for obeying the laws of the road. This was what I was feeling was "evil." Going to Minden last week to see the études/Studies show at the Agnes Jameson Gallery was not. My career as an artist, my training, my studies of the human form, trips with my school to art galleries, were never. My body, as a woman and artist model, most absolutely, is not evil."

To suggest I am a porn star because I am a nude model or into pornography because I draw nudes is slanderous. A defamation of character is "an intentional false communication that injures another person's good name or reputation. To amount to defamation, the communication must be published or spoken": Webster's dictionary.

I was under the belief, from the Canadian Pediatric Association, that breast feeding my daughter was the healthiest for her. Unwillingly did I sub-

LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo



Is Steve Hudak's sculpture of Jennifer Wanless-Craig "evil"? The model, mother, artist and letter writer begs to differ with last week's letter to the editor.

ject her to "evil?" She is under the impression that breasts are to milk like a plate is to toast. Am I to wake her up? Instill in her the "evils" of her mother's breast? Is she not innocent? Our views, however tainted, are ours. We should not assume that our children are ignorant, close-minded or unintelligent.

Every art school, in every Christian country, for hundreds of years, has nude life drawing classes as part of their mandatory curriculum and shows the product of these classes proudly. These "studies" are done in a nonsexual environment and convey no sexual content. To confuse this with pornography would be incorrect. To say it is a "clinical approach would be more accurate.

To imply that "honest, caring, God-lov-

ing people that protect their children from the very appearance of evil" only live in West Guilford and the Haliburton area is ludicrous. Pope John Paul II, a man who devoted his life to the church, gave mass in the Sistine Chapel, in front of frescos of nude images of the Bible. Was he evil? Are we assuming that if one appreciates art and the nude form, one is on the same playing field as Satan? I agree the world is full of obscenities, but let's point fingers in the right direction.

If all drawings and images of nude women and men are offensive or "evil," then the world is a near impossible place to be or raise a child. Art galleries, museums, the Sistine Chapel, doctors' offices, history books, sexual education pamphlets and even the Sears catalogues are

"evil." We need to educate viewers in the difference between art and pornography. There is nothing wrong, illegal or "evil" about modelling nude for artists, for drawing, painting or sculpting the nude form, or looking at the images that the artist produce.

To know the difference between nudity and nakedness takes courage, moral conviction and education. "To be naked is to simply be without clothes, whereas to be nude is a form of art," said John Berger, noted BBC journalist. Berger goes further in his book, *The Way of Seeing*, "We only see what we look at. To look is an act of choice."

If the Bible teaches us one lesson it is that "evil" resides in the hearts of all people, and it is our personal struggle as individuals to deal with this. The decision is ours whether we want to look at the images of nude drawings or paintings or sculpture. It is everyone's right. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom clearly states: Everyone has the following fundamental freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication.

We should be glad, thankful and honoured that we live in a community that is progressive and art-minded. The Haliburton School of the Arts brings a lot of business into our community and we should be thankful. We should be more tolerant and not so quick to deem things "evil." To teach our children to respect men and women, to know the difference from right and wrong, Art vs. Pornography, then we need to first be educated. I invite anyone who is unaware or unsure of the use of nudity in art, or has not the foggiest clue what they are deeming "evil" to contact me and I will be more than happy to run a beginner's life drawing class, pro bono. Think of it as having the courage to first know thy enemy.

Jennifer Wanless-Craig  
Mother, artist, model and art educator  
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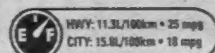
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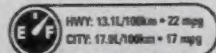
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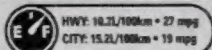
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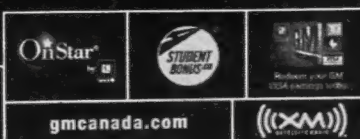
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## Fervently religious can cause much dissension

To the Editor:

Does it strike anyone else as ironic how the "caring, God-loving" Mr. David Switzer of West Guilford is so insulting about portrayals of God's design for our bodies?

Could we invite him to a life drawing class to see the other side of the picture? Hand him a pencil and paper? Maybe he'd rather be the model.

It's interesting to note, too, just how much unhappiness and dissension the fervently religious are causing these days all around this funny old world of ours – even in Haliburton!

Wait a minute. Am I being baited by our editor?

Gill Stephen,  
Wilberforce

## History tells us nudity is not pornography

To the Editor:

In response to David Switzer's letter, let's take a step back for a moment – well, 5,000 years actually. Ancient Egyptian public and private spaces were adorned with art, much of it depicting nude or partially nude figures engaged in all kinds of activities, rarely sexual in nature.

The same can be said of Indian culture, South American Cultures, Japanese, Chinese, Cambodian, Greek, Roman, etc,

etc. Are we to assume that all of these cultures were "evil" because nudity was allowed? Are we to demote this huge wealth of artwork to "pornography" because of the nudity involved?

Let's step into the Renaissance period and consider the work of such masters as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Titian. Does Mr. Switzer consider "nude" works by these artists as pornography?

The fact is that most artists have attended art school where

life drawing is mandatory. Life drawing is an extremely challenging activity, nothing whatsoever to do with sex. Many fine high schools in Ontario encourage and even demand life drawing as part of the senior art curriculum. Students of life drawing, young and old, deserve our encouragement and support, not censorship.

"As a father and grandfather" I often take my grandchildren to museums, art galleries and public spaces where all manner of art is displayed, as do many

other parents and grandparents. Art work depicting nudity, along with landscapes, abstract art, sculpture, etc. is an essential part of a young person's education. To suggest that it is the "very appearance of evil" is astonishing!

What is sad is that this attitude brands Haliburton as an artistic backwater when so many people have and do endeavour to make it artistically vibrant.

Michael Letki  
Haliburton

## Inequality and war are more worthy of our concern

To the Editor:

I find it difficult to understand the relationship between nude drawings and evil. As far as I know, we all arrive in this world undressed. I am certainly not offended by nudity; if I were, I would have to remove the mirrors from my house and dress in the dark.

In my opinion, nude drawings

from a life drawing class can only be pornographic if the viewer chooses to view them as such. It is the fear and banning of this sort of thing that leads to the perversion of it.

Would Mr. Switzer suggest that the Sistine Chapel should be repainted because of nudes painted on the walls and ceiling?

If he and "hundreds" of other

people in this county really want to do something about the "evil" around us, perhaps they should look to expending their energy, and their ink, on such things as human inequality, poverty, war, and the mess we have made of the environment. (I believe the American evangelical movement calls this "Creation Care"!)

The theatre, the School of the

Arts, and arts in general make a very positive impact on our community.

While it is healthy to have discussions on these issues, I think it is unacceptable to demand that art be removed because it may be controversial.

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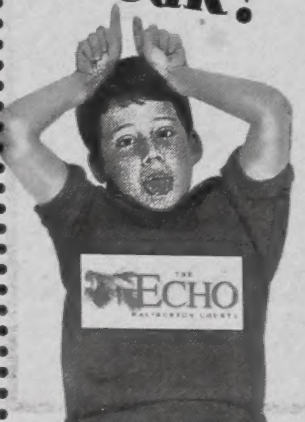
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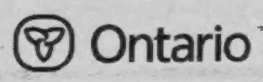
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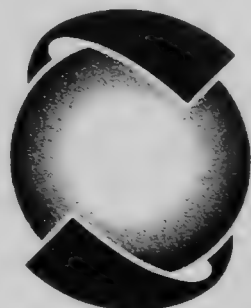
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## Christianity should not be used as excuse for dislike

To the Editor:

Displays of drawings, sketches, painting and sculptures of the naked human body can be seen all over the world and have adorned art galleries, parks, schools, temples, churches, chapels and castles for centuries and in many cultures. Famous painters, such as Rembrandt, Rubens, Holbein, daVinci and Michelangelo have given us examples of their interpretation of life in their time and before.

Several nude drawings in the history of art – especially in the Renaissance – have been of ancient gods, royals and rituals from the Bible. Michelangelo's well-known fresco of the Creation of Adam has adorned the

ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome since 1512; his great sculpture of a naked David is located in a plaza in Florence – well visible to all age-groups.

Very often it is a lack of knowledge or uncertainty, that forces a child's curiosity. The explanation by an adult will help a child to understand the difference between good and evil. Neurologist and psychotherapist Sigmund Freud quotes the importance of a child's semi-consciousness of sex as a factor of mental development. The intolerance of groups is often exhibited against small differences more strongly than against fundamental ones.

If Mr. Switzer would care to explore the history of art, he would surely understand the differences between

the natural exploitation of the human body in art and pornography. (Pornography is the explicit description or exhibition of sexual subjects, intended to stimulate erotic rather than aesthetic or emotional feelings.) The plain view of an undressed human body should not evoke such feelings in a healthy person.

God and Christianity should not be used as an excuse for personal dislikes whatsoever and to my knowledge, we all came into this world undressed.

As a mother of three young children and growing up in a different culture I have seen enough "obscene objects of disturbing nature" to last a lifetime – the sight of a naked body as a drawing or painting has never been one of them.

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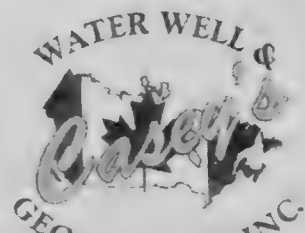
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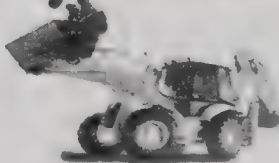
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Under perfect conditions, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School enjoyed some fast results in Thursday's Kawartha West Snowboard championships at Sir Sam's Ski Area.

Julie Johnston came first for senior girls while Jared Mills achieved the same honours for the junior boys. Many of their teammates placed in the top 10.

All team members advance to the COSSA championships this Thursday at Sir Sam's. The top five boys and girls will advance to the provincial finals. The following are the individual scores with combined times for both slalom and GS.

Junior Girls: Christiana Walker, 3rd, 65.50; Kelsey Haley, 6th, 66.27; Alysha Costain, 8th, 67.64; and Cody Pringle, 12th.

Senior Girls: Julie Johnston, 1st, 54.36; Jen Cumming, 6th, 65.60. Junior Boys: Jared Mills, 1st, 55.26; Madison Rallis, 3rd, 56.46; Nigel St. Pierre, 4th, 56.57; John Murray, 6th, 59.15; Lory Leblanc, 11th, 61.65; Zeke Diesel, 21st, 65.57; Kurran Devolin, 23rd, 66.61; Cody Clarke, 25th, 65.97; Jon Pawson, 28th, 71.27; Tyler Stewart, 29th, 86.02. Senior Boys: Scott Fennell, 3rd, 54.16; Will Doherty, 8th, 58.88; Stephen Roome, 10th, 59.11; Paul Stevens, 11th, 59.91; Barclay Gadway, 14th, 60.33; Patrick Turcott, 16th, 60.60; Jeff Brand, 17th, 61.33; Taylor Barton, 18th, 60.82; Joe Gallagher, 19th; Greg Gordon, 27th, 64.26; Josh Vlaming, 28th, 65.49; Max Ambridge, 29th; Ryan Scheffee, 30th, 65.44; Kyle Seabrooke, 35th, 71.94; Tim Trantau, 38th.



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It's all downhill from here: a member of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School snowboard team slides down the hill at Sir Sam's. Photo, Martha Perkins.

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Above, Haliburton's Mitch Vasey battles for a loose puck during the playoffs hosted by the Red Hawks on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The Red Hawks lost in overtime to the Holy Cross Hurricanes, 5 - 4. The loss eliminates them from COSSA contention as they dropped two games to the Hurricanes in the best-of-three series. Above right, action from the game. Photos, Darren Lum.

# Hopes dashed

Red Hawks out of the playoffs

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Finding themselves in a must-win situation, the Red Hawks hockey team showed grit and tenacity in the final game of their best-of-three playoff series against the Holy Cross Hurricanes.

Down by a game at the February 22 match, Haliburton battled through their mistakes but fell short of playoff nirvana, losing in overtime 5 - 4.

The game started badly for Haliburton when they surrendered two goals in the first period. The Red Hawks struck back with two unanswered goals of their own, tying the game late in the period. Goals came from Adam Googh and Matt Roberts. Roberts scored a pretty goal in close from a pass by Jonathon Sharpely.

With the score knotted up at the start of the second period, Haliburton was rejuvenated, as were the Red Hawks faithful in the stands. Despite the momentum shift the Hurricanes went ahead with an odd-man rush deep in the end, scoring on a backhand from the slot.

Haliburton's leading scorer from the regular season, Matt Duchene, scored the equalizer seconds later, keeping the hopes for a third game alive.

Duchene struck again in the final minutes of the period to bring Haliburton fans to their feet. It was the team's first lead of the game.

The Hurricanes found the equalizer minutes into the third with a harmless looking shot from the point that dribbled past Haliburton goalie Mike Lennox.

Undaunted, Haliburton kept up the intensity. A bad penalty behind the play put Haliburton down a player. Duchene,



on the penalty kill, nearly scored the go-ahead when the Hurricanes' goalie inadvertently passed him the puck.

As the minutes wound down both teams pulled out all the stops, forechecking and hitting everything, leaving bodies all over the ice. The two goalies saved their best performances for last as neither was going to give up a weak goal. Lennox snagged a shot from the top corner off a blistering slap shot from the slot, keeping the game tied. Haliburton had their share of chances, including two one-on-one opportunities but the Hurricanes goalie turned them away.

Haliburton was eliminated with a goal minutes into overtime.

Deep in the Red Hawk zone, during a Hurricanes forecheck, a loose puck was

## Lovin' luge

There were six students from a Christian education school, the Tall Oaks Academy, that participated in a day-long workshop at the Red River Luge Club on Kennis Lake Road. Educators wanted students in Grades 1, 5, 6, 7 to know one of the Olympic sports first-hand. The school is in its first year and will have registration for the next school year on March 8 at the United Church in Haliburton and April 10 at Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Austin Lloyd takes a piece of the wall on his first few luge runs.



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# Co-op housing not an easy option for housing crisis

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ship still rests with the local government but PCHDC can manage the land as its own.)

In its early years, with each downtrodden building that the corporation renovated, the subsequent increase in property value enabled the PCHDC to take out a collateral mortgage toward its next project. One such project transformed a decrepit church rectory into a six-bedroom rooming house for some elderly women on fixed income.

"The thing that makes us unique is that every model of housing is different," says PCHDC Executive Director Peter Robinson.

In the past eight years PCHDC has produced 25 units and forged an elaborate web of 80 different community partnerships. Relying on donations of time, materials, municipal incentives, and grants, the corporation is typically able to rent its units for \$200-\$250 below market-place value. It bases the rent on the amount of money it will take to cover insurance, maintenance, property taxes, and mortgage payments.

"We are able to do that because we have been able to renovate or construct for less than the cost of a private sector builder," says Robinson.

But even PCHDC is not a poultice for the poorest of the poor. It does not set its rent at 30 per cent of earned income, as is often the case with subsidized housing, because that would threaten the long-term sustainability of the organization. In a county where a third of its residents make less than \$30,000 a year, that means many are still shut out.

"Those are people we would describe as a deep core need," says Robinson. "We can't provide housing that they can afford."

It's a similar situation with Habitat For Humanity, an international faith-based charitable organization. While PCHDC effectively acts as landlord of the units it develops, Habitat For Humanity sells the homes to the people it builds for. The mortgage is interest-free and the entire balance is forgiven once 75 to 80 per cent of it is paid off. But in order to qualify, applicants must be able to demonstrate the ability to pay off a mortgage before being considered – something not everyone can do.

"We have to be responsible to our charity donors," says Leslie Flemming, president of Habitat for Humanity Muskoka. "There are pretty strict rules we have to adhere to. Basically, families have to fall at the lower-income cutoff, which means that a family receiving Ontario Works assistance will probably not qualify because they are not making enough money to actually pay off a mortgage."

Mortgage payments are, however, arranged to correspond with the family's income once credit is approved.

Fay Martin, executive director of Haliburton County Family Services, says Habitat For Humanity is a real

option for this area but it shouldn't be considered a panacea.

"You're still not touching the people that are really in dire need," explains Martin. "You're touching the lower-middle income earners."

Habitat for Humanity Muskoka has built four brand new homes since it became fully operational in 2003. For every home that is built, it typically requires 125-200 volunteers, about \$60,000-\$100,000 in raised funds, numerous in-kind donations, and, just as important, a qualified project manager to oversee the construction.

"That's a key position and it's hard to fill because when a house is being built, that person has to be on site pretty much every day," says Flemming. "The whole idea of building a home with volunteers is all well and good but you need someone who knows exactly what they are doing."

So far, Habitat for Humanity Muskoka has acquired all its land through either municipalities or private donors, but it is not uncommon for other affiliates to buy land through fundraising.

One of the most formidable problems faced by Habitat for Humanity Muskoka – one that would undoubtedly be magnified in a county as small as Haliburton – is the finite pool of community resources. Pretty soon, you keep turning to the same people for donations of time and money.

In addition, every project inevitably requires the volunteer efforts of trades people such as plumbers and electricians, and there is a limit to how many times you can ask such professionals to leave their day jobs.

While no one doubts the merits of initiatives such as PCHDC and Habitat for Humanity, the results are hard-won, slow, and take a toll on local volunteerism. And it is unclear how much an impact such organizations would make in Haliburton County, where waiting lists for non-profit housing are measured in years, not applicants.

"Organizations such as [PCHDC and Habitat for Humanity] are really just a drop in the bucket," Robinson admits. "In order to see real change, we are going to have to see senior levels of government come on board in a much more significant way."

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Another conceivable option would be co-op housing, but according to the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, it is nearly impossible to start one these days in the absence of a national program. There are 2,200 co-operatives across the nation but almost none have been initiated since the federal government abandoned housing in 1992.

"To do it without government help at all, the numbers just don't work," says Mark Goldblatt, a senior consultant with the CHFC.

There was a surge of optimism when NDP leader Jack Layton altered the Liberal budget last spring to include

\$1.6 billion for housing, but Goldblatt laments that "we are probably not going to see that now" with the new government.

When co-operatives are founded, however, they are generally mixed communities and can avoid the ghetto syndrome that other subsidized housing is often susceptible to. It doesn't abide by the Landlord-Tenant Act, which means the co-op board has more authority to get people to clean up their act. And each member of the co-op is expected to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds.

"It's more hands on," says Judy Churchward, who managed co-ops for 18 years in Ottawa and is currently manager of Staunworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation in Minden. "You can control the environment. They also have a more flexible budget."

Nourishing the culture within a non-profit housing project is something that Fay Martin believes is just as important as building the homes themselves.

"You can't have that sort of [low-income] environment without putting in proper supports," she says. "You have to assume that there is a need for social support and recreation opportunities. Things to teach people how to live well together. The only resources there are [in the county's non-profit housing projects] is somebody who collects the rent."

An example of what Martin alludes to lies in Floralan – a subsidized housing neighbourhood in Minden – where 20 families are tightly squeezed in between a stony embankment and a desolate road, with only a sad-looking park for children to its side.

County Warden Murray Fearrey says he is currently in talks with people proposing apartment development in Haliburton village. This may help the housing quandary, but it is unclear what income class they will serve.

"There are some housing projects being proposed here," he says. "And those people – I can't name them – are being encouraged to look at the affordable side of it."

Fearrey believes that whatever remedies exist for the affordable housing crisis, it should be a local initiative: "It's better to come from the community. If it's community rooted, then in my view it will work. If it's just funded bricks and mortars or bureaucratic federal-provincial policy, it isn't the best system."

Whether the answer lies with the federal government or volunteer agencies, a sweeping national program or a one-family-at-a-time charity approach, one senses that the torrent of the housing crisis is outmatching its solutions.

"We haven't been raised in a society that values housing," says Fawcett. "If you could live in decent affordable housing your whole life changes. You have better health, your children can be better educated, you take stress off other systems. It all starts with affordable housing."

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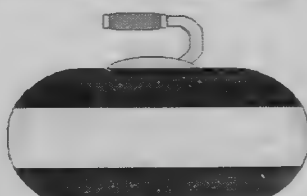
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Barry O'Neil performs with lots of energy, humour and enthusiasm. His previous experiences as camp counsellor, musician, Sunday school teacher, waiter, Big Brother and farm mechanic have taught him many lessons that he draws on as a performer.

He cites Frank Shuster, Johnny Wayne and especially Red Skelton as important influences on his "clean and simple" sense of humour.

Barry O' says, "Machines are interesting but kids... they're fascinating!"

The songs, jokes, stories, tricks and stunts in the show are shaped around themes of telling the truth, the importance of practice, being yourself, and developing good habits.

Tickets are available at the door, at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Audience members under two years old are always free.

This show is generously sponsored by Churko Furniture and Todd's Independent Grocer.

At this time of year, the Razzamataz committee members are contacting performers and consulting calendars to organize next year's schedule of children's shows.

At the Barry O' concert, pick up the Early Bird brochure to see what we have planned. Then when you are being amazed by the scientific circus of "Fizzical Fizzicks" on Sunday April 23rd at YMCA Camp Wanakita, you can buy your season passes for next year at substantial savings.

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Bingo is still being played every Wednesday night.

The Johnny Maughan Memorial Dart Tournament is coming soon.

The next Sunday Brunch will be on March 5.

Public speaking competitions were held on the Feb. 26.

For your entertainment we offer on Saturday nights the following lineup:

Mar. 4 - Champagne Country; Mar. 11 - Bryan Switzer; and Mar. 18 - Evelyn Macrea and Nightshift.

There is always something for you to do at your local branch of the Legion. Plan to attend one or more of these events.

## Find out what makes a good news story on March 25

A prominent Canadian editor and reporter, Paul Woods of the Canadian Press news agency, will be in Haliburton to talk to writers and aspiring writers about what makes a story newsworthy.

His seminar will be based on the premise that recognizing a good news story is an essential attribute for staff reporters and is key to a successful freelance career. The event will take place at

Bonnie View Inn on Saturday, March 25.

Small groups will be invited to 'play editor' and discuss and compare potential stories. Woods will chair a panel for a question and answer session. Other local members will include Martha Perkins (editor of the *Haliburton Echo* and the *Minden Times*), Jack Brezina (former publisher of the *Times*), Tamsen Tilson (freelance writer and correspondent for

*Variety* magazine), Melody Richardson (freelance writer after 20 years with the *Windsor Star*) and Carol Moffat (formerly with the *Toronto Star* and marketing director of the Chamber of Commerce).

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a full buffet breakfast and ends at 1 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 for members; \$15 for non-members, available at the Storeroom in Minden and Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton.

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March 7 is the executive meeting at 7 p.m..

On March 10 there is a potluck dinner starting at 7 p.m., and following that is a musical jam night starting at 9.

March 12 is the Legion breakfast brunch from 9 a.m. until noon. Don't be late. Adults \$6, children \$3, and

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Mel Smith

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# Local fruitcake is baked with TLC

Wilberforce business gets a star turn in Hamilton newspaper

TED WILCOX

Special to the Echo

Is fruitcake to be enjoyed only at Christmas?

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Ted Wilcox writes a column in the paper every two weeks and back in January he told the story of the little bakery in Wilberforce that makes the best fruitcakes. Many of his readers obviously trust his judgement because they phoned in a flurry of orders. It was a nice way to give Murray Linkert and Janet Barker a spiritual and financial boost in the middle of winter.

We reprint the column below with permission from the Hamilton Spectator.

Each Christmas time, the Linkert Country Bakery people send me a gift of the finest fruitcake in the world. They send it to The Spectator office for me to pick up.

The time that fruitcake spends at the Spectator office – until I can get there, using the fastest transport available – is a time, I'm sure, a plotting, scheming and skullduggery for the denizens of the office.

The Linkert fruitcake is the most scrumptious I've ever tasted. The Spec people know what's in that box. They have tasted the wee morsels I have grudgingly offered to some of them.

Now they are hooked and will commit any known crime to get just one more taste of that "manna from heaven."

I have threatened them with bodily harm if they even

look longingly at the well-wrapped package.

My family and I have been blessed for several years with a gift of this marvellous cake.

Ancient Murray (Pappy) Linkert and Janet Barker of the Linkert Country Bakery claim that the most important ingredient of their fabulous fruitcake is TLC.

The baking of this great fruitcake started in Hamilton's old North End more than 65 years ago. Now the bakery is in Wilberforce, Ontario at phone number (705) 448-2455.

Linkert and Barker have this for a slogan: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. Better still, light three."

Pictured with these words are three candles: a candle of faith, a candle of hope and a candle of love.

Murray spent 10 years as flight instructor and air defence pilot with the RCAF. He was awarded the Air Force Cross and the citation contained the words "outstanding, exceptional and an inspiration to all."

When North End parents entertained their kids way back then, they'd sing this little ditty to them (which I've changed a bit):

Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man.

Bake a cake, bake a cake, as fast as you can.

Pit it and pat it and mark it TLC.

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Thanks, Murray; thanks Janet. God bless.

Ted Wilcox is a lifetime Hamiltonian with a passion for sports, community and, most of all, family. His column appears Mondays.

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### Strike!

Theresa Riley was one of the many bowlers who participated in Bowl for Kids' Sake at Minden Lanes on Saturday. They were raising money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Photo, Martha Perkins.

## On Friday, people will pray all over the world

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### wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
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World Day of Prayer services will be held on Friday, March 3 at churches around the world. The local service will be held at the Wilberforce United Church and led by their women this year. This year's service, written by the women of South Africa, is entitled Signs Of The Times. The service, which begins at 1 p.m., includes participants from several churches in the area. All are invited to join in this service of prayer.

The family and friends of William (Bill) Taylor were saddened by his death on Friday, February 17, 2006 in Peterborough. Bill had been unwell for some time and in hospital for several weeks prior to his passing. Raised in Wilberforce, Bill had been a long-time resident of Peterborough where he and his wife Doreen raised a family of seven. He was retired after thirty years of employment at Outboard Marine.

Condolences are extended to his wife Doreen and their family, to brother Robert (Marion), sisters Eileen Agnew of Wilberforce and Elsie (Neil) Henigman of British Columbia, and sister-in-law Florence Taylor of Wilberforce as well as his many nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his younger brother Fred.

Funeral service was held in Peterborough on Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

Glenda Burke of Haliburton was the guest preacher at St. Margaret's Anglican church on Sunday, February 26. The Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 1 begins at 3 p.m.. All are welcome at this service as Lent begins.

Two teams from the Wilberforce curling club were pleased to participate in the George Kerr Memorial Bonspiel on Saturday, February 25 in Bancroft. The bonspiel was sponsored by the North Hastings Highlanders. George Kerr will be remembered as a member and leader of the North Hastings Highlanders, formerly the Bancroft Pipes and Drums. He died suddenly at the Highland Games in Haliburton two years ago. He was often in Wilberforce at the Good Times parades and at events at the Legion. He was well honoured at the Bonspiel.

The Wilberforce teams, along with all the curlers, were piped onto the ice at beginning of play. They enjoyed two games of curling, a good meal and a great time at the Bancroft Club.

The National Ballet's performance of George Balanchine's *Jewels* at the Hummingbird Centre in Toronto was spectacular. I was fortunate to attend last Saturday. Canada has champion dancers as well as champion athletes. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for in this great land of ours.

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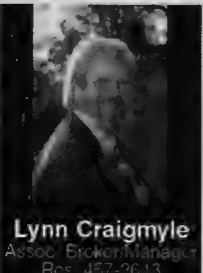
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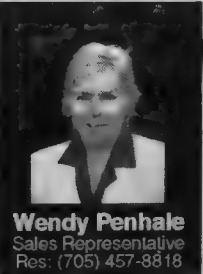
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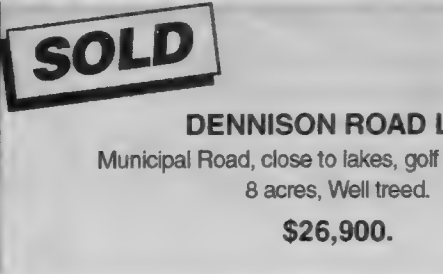
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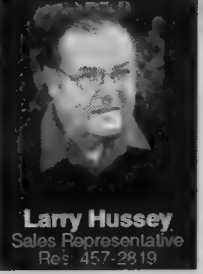
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Jordana Bain, who grew up in Haliburton, needs the community's help so she can help the people of Ghana. She's asking for donations to make a six-week work placement in the West African country possible. Photo, Martha Perkins.

## Help Jordana Bain help other people

### To the community:

I have decided to be involved in a wonderful opportunity overseas that is bound to change my life. I have decided to volunteer for a youth internship in Ghana (a developing country on the west coast of Africa) with an organization called Cross-Cultural Solutions.

Cross-Cultural Solutions, a non-profit volunteer organization, offers a program that places volunteers in countries such as Brazil, Ghana, Guatemala, Tanzania, Russia, India, Peru and Thailand for a variety of community development projects. Its mission is to operate volunteer programs around the world in partnership with sustainable community initiatives, bringing people together to work side-by-side while sharing perspectives and fostering cultural understanding.

With my background in anthropology, international health and development (achieved through my undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto), my placement will focus on observing and assisting local health professionals to help local social service pioneers achieve their goals and missions. For example, I will have the opportunity to be involved in changing bandages, weighing babies, taking blood pressure and assisting other healthcare providers in setting up medical clinics.

Cross-Cultural Solutions is a recognized leader in its field, sending thousands of participants overseas every year. In May 2003, Cross-Cultural Solutions was granted Special Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Though this status, Cross-Cultural Solutions was recognized as an expert in its field and may be consulted on

economic and social issues by the United Nations. They are an independent registered non-profit organization.

All Cross-Cultural Solutions programs are run solely by volunteer contributions, and therefore each program has a fee. The fee for this six-week program, including all meals, lodging, travel medical insurance and in-country transportation, totals \$4,283 CD and does not include airfare to Ghana.

To be able to go on this program I need financial assistance, which I hope you can provide. I am asking for a donation of \$20 (although donations of less or more are also greatly appreciated). However, I would like to note that the funding must be in before April 13 in order for it to be credited to my account.

As this is an American program and all donations must be made in American dollars, the easiest way for you to donate funding is by going online to make a secure payment on the Cross-Cultural Solutions Website. Go to [www.crossculturalsolutions.org](http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org), then click on "contact us," then "make a payment" and enter my e-mail address, [bordana\\_jain@yahoo.ca](mailto:bordana_jain@yahoo.ca). Additionally, cheques or money orders addressed to me (C.O. Cross Cultural Solutions) can be mailed to me at BOX 326, KOM 1S0 Haliburton, Ontario.

Should you have any questions about the volunteer program, please call me at (457-3551), or call Cross-Cultural Solutions at (800) 380-4777. Your support and the support of those you know are greatly appreciated. I appreciate all of your help and look forward to sharing this extraordinary experience with you upon my return.

— Jordana Bain

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# Play by the rules, Mother Nature

Granddaughter says the weatherman should be fired

community news

**harcourt**

Valerie Smith

448-3642

*Editor's note: this column is a week late because of (you guessed it) the weather.*

This past week has been another example of what happens when Mother Nature does not play by the rules of the game. She seems to always have a wild card. Our dear weatherman went to a great deal of work predicting a severe winter storm warning for us on Thursday; however, Mother Nature, with her awesome power and guarded secrets took the ultimate control over cloud cover, precipitation, wind and temperature and delivered her blow on Friday instead. Thus Mother Nature gained high status with school children whose busses were cancelled but not with parents and teachers.

The weatherman's prediction of a severe winter storm warning for Thursday found Mel and me staying home with errands and appointments for Thursday re-scheduled for Friday. On Friday Mother Nature kicked up her heels and dumped some very nasty coverage that certainly changed the personality of our local roads in spite of desperate attempts by the road crews to keep up. It was frustrating. However, we could not postpone the errands scheduled for the previous day; they had to be dealt with.

It took three tries to get out of our driveway and onto Algonquin Drive and following numerous attempts of forward and reversing the van we finally made our way onto Elephant Lake Road. One could not be faint of heart and regardless of the slippery ice covered roads, gusty, blowing snow accompanied with whiteouts we managed to complete our errands and pick up our granddaughter one day late. As we explained to Rachel we were late because of the weatherman. She looked up at me and commented, "The weatherman is always wrong and should get fired." I laughed at her logic and the question popped into my head, "What job can you always go wrong at and not be fired?" Answer to the question and with no gender bias intended: "A weatherman because he always blames Mother Nature."

I recently spoke with Linda Middleton about the 2006 Highlands East Art and Craft Tour. Last year's tour included more than 27 artists from the Loop Area/Cty. Rd. 648 of Gooderham, Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt and Highland Grove.

Linda is a talented lady who paints a variety of subjects from rural and urban landscapes to floral and clowns. Last year she demonstrated watercolour



Enough snow for you yet? No matter how you've been dealing with it (Mike Darlington, above, chooses a shovel), there's been plenty of the white stuff to deal with. Many people have been saying it's been one of heaviest snowfalls we've had in years. And there's no good news in the immediate forecast: so-called experts are forecasting a late spring. When warm weather does start rolling around, watch out for flooded basements and swollen rivers: the water content of the snow is considered to be high. Photo, Darren Lum.

while exhibiting her work at the Harcourt Community Centre. Other artists who joined her at the Harcourt Centre were Luann Spada who demonstrated how to make ribbon roses and draw human proportions while showing her oil paintings and pencil drawings. Claire Loft demonstrated oil painting and exhibited some of her original watercolor and oil paintings and Lisa Binnie displayed wirework figures. Gail Burstyn of Lylis Designs joined the ladies and illustrated her handcrafted jewellery made of semi precious stones, glass and other materials. Marilyn Turner who paints all types of landscapes and old buildings was on hand with a wonderful display.

Other artists in the Highlands East Arts and Craft Tour provided many works of art including nature photography, faux stained glass, fabric art such as knitting, crochet and embroidery, decoupage, literary art, folk art, textured ceramics, pottery, porcelain dolls, watercolour, pencil and oil paintings, metalwork, handcrafted jewellery and quilts.

With three successful tours under their belts, the

area's local artists wish to make this year's tour even more interesting and successful. They invite other artisans to join them for the 2006 Tour from the Highlands East area stretching from Gooderham to Cardiff. For more information please call Ev at 448-2493, Jan at 448-2868, Marilyn at 447-2569 or Archie at 447-3241. Last year's Highlands East Art and Craft Tour was a great success.

Linda also invites local artists to a day of networking and sharing that is held every third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highland Grove Community Centre.

No instruction is given, just bring your supplies and lunch and set this time aside to do your own creative thing. Linda indicated this time has been a wonderful opportunity for people to paint together, work together, share experiences and even supplies. For further information please call Linda Middleton at 448 9397.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Linda Robinson. I was so pleased to find Linda at home when I called to see how she was doing. Her heart operation was a success and we look forward to seeing her out and about in the community soon.

Upcoming events at the Harcourt Community Centre:

February 22: Bingo Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

February 23: Progressive euchre Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

The Harcourt Community Centre is a smoke-free establishment. Please keep in mind that a break is provided on bingo and euchre nights in order that people might smoke outdoors and not miss out on any of the action these events provide.

If you have any item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt news, please e-mail [vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca](mailto:vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca) or call 448-3640.



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- **Feb. 28:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- **Feb. 28:** St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce - Pancake Luncheon with Sausages and a variety of toppings. Tues., Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Mar. 1:** The YWCA Women's Centre is hosting a Women's Coffeehouse and Brown Bag Lunch Series discussing separation and divorce. Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. (during lunch). 11 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. To register, call 286-4040 or 286-6442. \*Please note: These workshops are not for legal advice.
- **Mar. 3:** "World Day of Prayer" - Wilberforce United Church. Fri., March 3 at 1 p.m. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.
- **Mar. 3:** "World Day of Prayer" - Minden United Church. Fri., March 3 at 2 p.m. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome.
- **Mar. 4:** 5th annual Irondale Ice Fishing Derby, Sat., Mar. 4. Starting at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Early registration can be done at the Irondale store. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Irondale Community Centre. Entry fee. Lots of prizes. More info, call Barry Simmons at 447-2380.
- **Mar. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Minden Pharmasave.
- **Mar. 6 & 7:** The Income Tax Season is again upon us and our volunteers are again ready to assist you. - Every Mon. beginning Mar. 6, Tiia Billings 447-2462 will be avail. at the Minden Legion from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Kinmount Legion from 1-3 p.m.; Every Tues. beginning Mar. 7, Haliburton (behind the firehall in the old ambulance building) from 9:30 to 12 noon; Every Tues. beginning Mar. 7, Marlene Watson 448-2266 will be available at the Wilberforce Legion from 1-3 p.m. You can also drop off your returns at the Minden Ontario Information Office on Hwy. 35 any day during business hours. The service is free of charge for eligible clients.
- **Mar. 7:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place on Mar. 7th for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child join us for information on Home Safety - where to check for dangers within the home. Please call to register by Monday, Mar. 6th, at 286-1770.
- **Mar. 8:** Tall Oaks Christian Academy is hosting an information evening Wed., Mar. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church in Haliburton. Applications for fall 2006 are now available. Come to the information evening to learn more about this unique school community.

### ON GOING EVENTS

- **In February** we will be introducing an exciting new Parent Child Interactive program, Drama Days. Join us every Wednesday this month when we retell popular children stories using puppets, props and costumes. Parents will leave with ideas on how to continue the fun and learning at home. For more information call 457-2989.
- **Every Monday:** Family Supper Night will be held at Minden United Church (Newcastle St.) for families with preschool and school-aged children. Come anytime after 3:30 prepared to help with supper preparation, childcare or cleanup. Call Amanda Austin 286-3592 by 9 a.m. Monday morning if you plan to attend, or call for cost and details.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. **Next Open Mike is Friday, March 3rd.** Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton - Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elem. School, Minden. Phone 286-1765.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Attention All Dads:** Have an adventure with your child this Saturday and visit the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone and creating masterpieces in the art room. We are open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info please call 457-2989.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.  
**NOTE:** This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



Redstone Lake resident Al Cole (centre) jumps up and down seeing his pair of fours turn over at the registration desk for the West Guilford's Snow Shuffle on Saturday, Feb. 25. Cole participated in the 30-year-old-plus event with friends from Redstone and Kennis lakes. Organizers said the event drew a record 188 riders, beating last year's mark of 170 and helping to raise money for the community centre. Photo, Darren Lum.

## It was the best year yet for Guilford's Snow Shuffle

community news

### west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

West Guilford's Snow Shuffle, begun 30 years ago at the initiative of Bert Cowen, Perry Morrison, Ray Cooper and Murray Scott. Sue (Deacon) Ripley was responsible for the Snow Shuffle name. Carol Damon was president of the centre's committee when this activity was first planned. She recalls how reliable Carol Stamp was along with the other committee members.

2006 was best yet in point of numbers and funds raised. Riders numbered 188, and roast beef dinner was provided by Cheryl Cooper and volunteers for 220 people. Cheryl says a huge thank you to all donors of prizes (nearly 100) and to her volunteers.

Between dinner and dance with Jamie Bacon as disc jockey, Greg Cooper called out for bingo to the huge hall of enthusiastic players.

Winner of the day's run was Brian Cooney. Congratulations to him and to all winners of the many prizes donated. The Snow Shuffle is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the centre and much credit goes to Kevin Sisson and Greg Cooper for organizing such a successful event for the last 15 years or so.

Ann and Robert McIvor were guests on the weekend of January 21st of a friend of their daughter's. Laurel McIvor's friend, Junko Nozaki, was married to Louis LeFleur at City Hall in Montreal. The Japanese and French-Canadian wedding was celebrated with much joy further at a buffet luncheon at the Marriott Hotel. The service had been in French and Japanese greetings and wishes were expressed by the bride's mother at the reception which delighted the bride's family greatly.

Regular attendees at Ladies Fellowship (formerly L.I.F.T.) will gather at the Centre on March 2nd at 7:30 to look forward with Karen Guyatt to spring. Melissa Guyatt will entertain with music and a fabric artist Evelyn Saxby will demonstrate her craft.

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9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday

Early spring heralds the annual "Sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional family activities. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast from fresh baked bread, maple baked beans and complemented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products are available in our retail area in many sizes and unusual styles. During your visit we offer many activities to enhance your stay and broaden your knowledge of this truly Canadian tradition. Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Sat. & Sun. for Taffy-On-Snow at Sourdough Sam's Cabin. Dress appropriately for the weather if you choose to tour the sugar bush. Special events calendars available, large groups please reserve ahead of time for tours. Phone ahead for "After business hour" tours. (705) 286-3202. Think Spring!

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Love  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITOR AND  
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ESTATE OF THE LATE  
JOHN BOYD MUISE**

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**AND TAKE NOTICE** that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.  
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## 400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of DOROTHY J. MCKNIGHT, deceased. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of DOROTHY J. MCKNIGHT, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 10th day of August, 2000, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 30th day of March, 2006.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Ira Robertson, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 16th day of February, 2006 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Dorothy J. McKnight.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of Mary McCallum, late of the County of Haliburton in the County of Haliburton who died on or about the 29th day of November, 2005, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 28th day of March, 2006, after which date the Estate Trustee will distribute the assets of the said Estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2006.

David A.P. Shapiera, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 369, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of Eric McCallum, late of the County of Haliburton in the County of Haliburton who died on or about the 27th day of November, 2005, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 28th day of March, 2006, after which date the Estate Trustee will distribute the assets of the said Estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2006.

David A.P. Shapiera, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 369, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of KENNETH CYRUS MCKNIGHT, deceased. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of KENNETH CYRUS MCKNIGHT, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of September, 2002, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 30th day of March, 2006.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Ira Robertson, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 16th day of February, 2006 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Kenneth Cyrus McKnight.

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## 400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ERIKA DOROTHEA LINA BOLDT

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of ERIKA DOROTHEA LINA BOLDT, late, of the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 7th day of December 2005, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 14th day of March 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 17th day of February 2006. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE NANCY ELEANOR GORIN BIDGOOD

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of NANCY ELEANOR GORIN BIDGOOD, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 19th day of January 2006 are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 14th day of March 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 17th day of February 2006. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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## 450 IN MEMORIAM

HUNTER, DENNIS - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away February 21, 2002.

No length of time can take away our thoughts of you each and every day. Forever remembered and deeply missed by Steven, Michelle, Matthew and Lucas, Gregg and Rebecca.

## 450 IN MEMORIAM

McELWAIN, GERALDINE - In memory of Geraldine McElwain. Mar. 2, 2005.

If tears could build a stairway,  
And memories a lane,  
I'd walk right up to heaven  
And bring you home again.  
Missing you every moment and with every breath you gave to me.  
Your loving husband, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Bill, Sandi, David and Willow.

REDNER, BRADLEY MILES - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa, who passed away suddenly Feb. 28/2005, in his 54th year.

Tenderly we treasure the past,  
With memories that will always last.  
No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts, you're always there.  
Lovingly remembered by Carolyn Mike Jason & Rebecca.

Wish you were here so many times  
But I know that will never be  
I'll just have to settle for the way things were  
Cause I know you would do the same for me.

Memories I have of you on tape  
And even hundreds more in my mind  
I thought the hurt was supposed to heal over time  
But the sorrow I'm carrying can't seem to escape.

I know you're in better hands  
But I still don't know why  
The Lord must have had some plans for you  
The reasons to us are still denied.

You are in the Heavens above  
And I wish with this I could find peace  
But you were my best friend  
And the pain will not ease.  
What I wouldn't give to hear that sound again  
Of Mike falling to the floor  
And Bubba laughing in the background clapping his hands  
With Steve standing there holding a frying pan.

Only a few of you know what this means  
And we can look back and smile with a big grin  
Steve you could bet playing spoons  
Would always find a way to win.  
Time will eventually bring me to you  
We know this is true.

I'll have lots of stories and events to share  
But for now, Steve take the best of care.  
You and the red Guitar. Seagrams.

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## 460 OBITUARIES

### AT REST CARL "Harvey" MacINTOSH

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Thursday, February 23, 2006  
In his 84th year.

Beloved husband of Blanche MacIntosh (nee Sampson). Dear father of Anne (Mark) Walker, Bob (Juanita), Keith (Sharon), Charlene (Murray) Chisholm, Sharon (Jim) Walker. Loving grandfather of Ashley (Shannon), Justin, Travis, Jason, Angela, Ryan, Jeffrey, Steve, Amy, Stacey (Dave) McCarthey, Shane (Kristen), Kevin, Sherri and great grandpa to Shawn. Predeceased by his parents Carlos and Alma MacIntosh, by his sister Lillian (Charles) Burton and by his grandson Derek Walker. Survived by his sister Lorraine (Leonard) O'Brien, by first cousin Florence (Walter) Clements and by his nephews Ron (Linda) Burton, Ted (Muriel) Burton, and Ken (Sharon) O'Brien. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 (or on line at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 26, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Masonic Service will be held on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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## 460 OBITUARIES

### AT REST MILDRED (nee Kernohan) HOYLE

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, February 22, 2006.  
In her 95th year.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Sylvia (Ken Smith) of Haliburton, Sharon (Paul Sisson) of Bracebridge, Carol (Ron Johns) of Cobourg. Loving grandmother of Angela (Steve), Janet, Randy, Ryan, Elaine, Annette (Bill), Kim, Robert and great grandmother of Jessie and Justin Zahn, Tayler and Maggie Nelson. Dear sister of the late John, Bertha, Agnes, Andy and Lucy. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (Or on line at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Gelert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family.

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**Echo Fax:  
457-3275**

## 460 OBITUARIES

DeYOUNG, JAMES JOSEPH - At Upper Canada Lodge, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Thursday, February 23, 2006. Mr. James Joseph DeYoung, formerly of Haliburton and St. Catharines, in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Freda May DeYoung (2003). Loving father of Marilyn Michelin of St. Catharines, Jim DeYoung and his wife Joan of Fenwick, Wayne DeYoung and his wife Sandra of Niagara Falls, Doug DeYoung and his wife Ruth of Cambridge and Cathie Crinklaw and her husband John of London. Also loved by his grandchildren and their partners Bill and Linda, Lisa, Matthew, Craig and Heather, Jennifer and Steve, Blair and Chris, Erin, Julie and Julian, Jamie and Jennifer, Taylor and Natalie and his great-grandchildren David, Daniel, Brooke, Braden, Jordan and Maddison. Dear brother of Tom DeYoung and his wife Helen of St. Catharines and brother-in-law of Mary DeYoung and Marion DeYoung both of Toronto. Predeceased by his brothers Ollie and Jack. Friends were received by the family from 7-9 p.m. Friday, February 24th, 2006 at the James L. Pedlar Funeral Home, 1292 Pelham St., Fonthill, where the funeral service was conducted in the chapel on Saturday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m. with interment following at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made through www.pedlarfuneralhome.ca.

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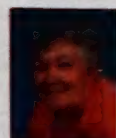


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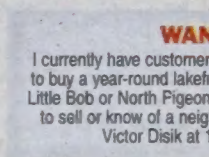
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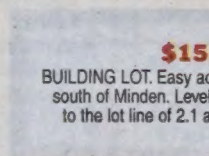
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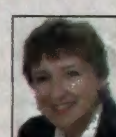


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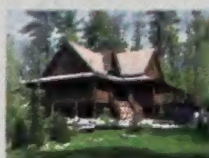
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Call Marilyn Hawley, 457-1011, ext. 237

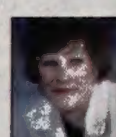


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Charming, spacious 2 bdrm cottage w/4 pc bath; gentle sloping lot w/great privacy; oak kit.; FP in LR; enclosed pine sun porch & decks; loads of windows; good swimming; no motor lake; boat launch to Miskabi Lake nearby.

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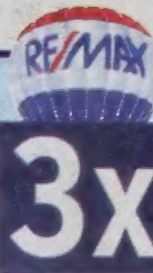


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